



WETHERBY CLASSIC CAR CLUB

Web Site: <http://www.wetherbyclassiccarclub.org.uk>

July 2019 to October 2019



Co-Chairman presents Co-Chairman with Chairmans Award - Nepotism?

**Meetings are held at the Bridge Inn, Walshford, North Yorkshire LS22 5HS
Phone:01937 580115 On 2nd Tuesday each month 8.00pm, presentations at 8.30
Special price Carvery available from 7.00 pm for members and visitors**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS – NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

CLUB NIGHTS – 2nd Tuesday in the month – 8.00pm Bridge Inn Walshford LS22 5HS

9th July 2019. Short run of a little over an hour from and to the Bridge. Leave at 7.00.

13th August. 2019. Talk. 'The Greatest Show on Earth' Mr. Graham Read

10th September. Talk. 'Let's build a car'. Mr Barry Caukhill.

8th October 2019 Talk – Here, there and everywhere [almost] in a 1953 MG TD

12th November 2019 - Annual Beetle Drive

10th December 2019 - Christmas Party

OUR OTHER EVENTS for 2019

Sunday 28th July - Ripon Old Cars, Ripon Race Course with our own club stand.

Sunday 4th August - Tockwith Show with our own club stand.

Saturday / Sunday 3rd & 4th August - Pateley Bridge MG Club Show

Wednesday 7th August – A run from the Bridge Hotel. Details at club night.

Sunday August 18th - Burley summer festival with our own club stand

Friday 6th September - WCCC Club Barbecue Collingham and Linton Sports association, 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm. BBQ lit at 3.30pm. Bring your own meat or fish and enjoy the club buffet. Book with Joan at the August meeting.

Sunday 8th September - Otley Extravaganza with our own club stand

Sunday 22nd September - Knavesmire Show York Racecourse with our own club stand

Date TBA in September – A run to the Grimwith Reservoir for a light afternoon tea. Details later.

Past events



9th April 2019. AGM. An efficient AGM with some changes to the Working Group. Colin Pearce will now administer the web site as well as the role of Membership Secretary. Bob will take on the role of Secretary in addition to magazine editor. Several members suggested that we should make more use of our classics at club events. Don presented the Clubman of the Year award to Colin and Barbara Pearce.



14th May 2019. Talk. Mrs Sue Woodcock, a columnist with the Yorkshire Post gave us a talk about her lifetime of police work and car ownership. A powerful presentation, and she gave us a mention in her column. Apparently she enjoyed the dinner at the Bridge.

11th June 2019 Our annual Concours night was seriously affected by bad weather. A total of only 9 cars showed, 7 members and 2 visitors. The weather forced the judging format to be modified as very few of the members wanted to stand out in the rain waiting for cars to arrive. This was quickly completed, with 3 members cars arriving too late to join the judging. Pamela and Gerald were awarded the members car winner for their Humber Sceptre. The visitors winner was a white NG, much to the surprise of its owner. Don's Future Classic Citroen was judged to be the car the co-chairman would most like to drive home.



April Fools Run 7th April 2019.

An early start for some on this Sunday morning to our start point at 'The Toby Carvery' on the roundabout at Oulton, Near Leeds. Once again an excellent turnout for one of the first long runs of the year. Open to all cars whether classic or your everyday Euro-box! As the route took us through Wetherby, we met several members from their club at the side of the racecourse. Making 40 cars in all. Some began the morning with a big breakfast just in case we got stuck somewhere on the way...

We began the route in staggered times travelling through Oulton-Swillington and Garforth. The display of spring flowers in these villages are to be admired, and rightly so having won lots of awards.

Turning left from the B1217 to the sleepy village of Aberford (once the old A1) Through to Bramham and down to Wetherby, passing the racecourse and on the York road for a while before turning left to Cattal and Whixley. Everyone seemed to be going along nicely, although the weather was fine and dry, rather cold and a lack of sunshine we had the previous day. Eventually reaching Little Ousburn and the Aldwark bridge. Now this is a challenge for anyone who has not crossed this rickety very old bridge before. A privately owned toll bridge with an equally old man collecting 40p per vehicle to cross. And what a trade he was doing with vehicles trying to cross in both directions at once. "no way " Two smart comedians decided to cross in large 4X4s pulling enormous caravans and completely blocked the bridge for some 30 minutes in both directions. Stan and Jennifer Cox were waiting in the queue by the toll booth in their MGB sports car when the engine gave up. We helped him to push back on to spare land to find the fault. Apparently the fuel pump had failed, so after 45 minutes of trying to get it going again had to concede defeat and call the

Green Flag. My son who was the back up vehicle stayed to help until the breakdown truck turned up.



Eventually the bridge cleared so on to Alne - Easingwold - Raskelf to Crayke. Our half way point was The Worsley Arms Hotel. "The ancestral home of the Duchess of Kent" in Hovingham. After which we went through Kirbymoorside to Pickering and left pass the rail station and up on to the moors to "The Inn on the Moor" in Goathland. An excellent lunch was served to 67 of our intrepid travellers, with a dozen or so who had brought along a picnic. Hope everyone enjoyed the day and arrived home safely.

Tony and Simon Lucas.

Editors note: A total of 7 cars with WCCC members joined this well organised run.

Members travels

Tuesday 18th June. We went to the British Motor Museum at Gaydon for a few hours. A bit nostalgic for me as Gaydon was our test track and R & D centre when I was with BL Cars. There were some interesting cars on display, quite a few prototypes that we had not seen before. We were surprised that the collection is actually quite small, not as many as Beulieu or the Haynes Museum. A lot less than the French national Collection at Mulhouse, but worth a visit if you are passing. Bob and June



23rd – 26th April Dunsley hall. Only 3 couples were courageous enough to drive their classics, but the weather held fair and a good time was had by all. 2020 may see a visit to a different part of the country.

Sunday April 28th National Drive-It day.



Mike Davis, Mike and Libby and your editor enjoyed the small show at Sherburn Airfield. About 50 nice cars, including an Aston Martin for sale at only £26000. Quite a few interesting aircraft coming and going.

David and Anthea had a good day at the Northallerton car show Mervyn was the other Wetherby CCC member there They had the High street closed to traffic and a large portion of the street was coned off for classic cars The shops and pubs etc were open and it was busy all day We had lots of people asking about the Austin and quite a few of them sat in it Could not get a table for the carvery in the Golden Lion so we had a roast lunch in Barkers department store For the prize giving they put on coffee and biscuits in the Golden Lion The organisers said that they had just over 70 cars booked in and 118 arrived In all we had an enjoyable day. One of the more interesting cars was a Frazer Nash "chain gang" It left oil on the road from the chain gears etc.

A group of 3 members took their cars to Brodsworth Hall show. Rain held off most of day (just one little shower) but we got well rained on as we travelled home. A good time was had by all!



Thursday 16th May Tennants of Leyburn classic car auction. I have always believed that Tennants, whilst experts in antique and art auctions, were not very good at classic car sales. Wrong. Their display was very good, prices above average and a good, if small, selection of cars.

Highlights included a very pretty Rolls Royce Corniche convertible sold at £50000. The buyer seated close to us told his companion that it would fetch £100k in London. A Sunbeam Rapier in good order achieved £9200. Automobilia made some astounding prices. A Shell illuminated advertising sign made £1900!!



Saturday 9th June 2019 Mike and Libby went to Locke Park at Barnsley Sunday 9th June and achieved 2nd place at the Yorkshire Thoroughbreds CC event. Colin and Barbara were also there and took the picture.

Sunday 10th June Just had a good day at the Mark Woodward show on Ripon racecourse For Alfa fans there was an Alfa Romeo Montreal there Had not seen one for a long time. Also had a fly past by a Lancaster bomber. Cheers Anthea & David

Sunday June 16th. COWS Father's day classic cars. Dave Perrins and your editor attended this very pleasant classic car show on the Keighley Rugby Club ground. First surprise was the rugby pitch which is plastic grass! There were about 120 classic cars, plus a few exotic and rally cars. A nice variety, and some cars not seen before. The clubhouse was serving 'all day breakfast'. Dave had one and confirmed that it had been waiting all day. A flypast by a Spitfire was promised, but did not arrive before yours truly left.



Editors rants

Very disappointing that after Nigel and Heather spent a lot of time and effort organising a run to the Himalaya Garden, only 3 members signed up and the event had to be cancelled.

The Government have found one more way to take money from motorists. As of June 10th, any motorist staying in a motorway lane with the red 'X' shown above will be liable to a fine of £100 and points on their licence.

I have discovered another definition of 'Classic Cars' [Probably been there for a long time.] The FBHVC support cars 30 or more years old:- *"We know that there are a significant number of vehicles considered by their owners to be 'classics' but which are simply not old enough to be considered historic, either by UK registration rules or by the international standard. The Federation is by no means opposed to the ownership of modern classics. We know they are cherished by their owners. We know many of these classics will become historic as the years go by. When they become thirty years old, they will fall within our remit.*

Before then, they are not and cannot be the responsibility of the Federation. Arguments in favour of their use will only serve to dilute the simplicity of our message on historic vehicles. But we do not and will never argue against the use and ownership of modern classics. We will attempt as much as possible, to offer no public comment for or against their use.

We hope that the owners of newer classics will understand our dilemma and recognise that we have to do the best possible, using all the strongest arguments available to us, to serve the interests of our members."

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs have published their ownership survey results. Here is the summary.

Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs announced results of 2019 Cost of Ownership Survey

- **Number of historic vehicles on DVLA database has increased to 1,241,863.**
- **9.8m people in the UK are interested in historic vehicles.**
- **Average distance covered by an historic vehicle is 2,214 miles per annum.**
- **21m people see historic vehicles as an important element of the UKs heritage.**
- **11.3m people think historic vehicles should be exempt from restrictions of low and ultra-low emissions imposed on other vehicles.**
- **5.1m people are interested in owning an historic vehicle.**
- **60% of owners say owning an historic vehicle is one of the most important things in their life.**
- **An owner spends an average of £1,489 per historic vehicle per annum.**

The results of the 2019 National Cost of Ownership Survey have been announced by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs. The summary results were revealed at a press conference within the Houses of Parliament on 14 May with the full research document now available to download on the FBHVC website at: <https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/research> .

Important notice for all members

If you have your name down to attend an organized event and find you are unable to attend. please **only** notify the organizer. Messages via a third party unfortunately are not being passed on before the event.